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in such large scale industries for which there is ample scope in this country our people who have money do not come forward to invest in such very useful and profitable concerns. It has been said by my honourable friend Mr. Krishna Pillai that non-Travancoreans have been allowed to come here and start very big industries, perhaps to the detriment of Travancoreans.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: When there were Travancoreans to take up the contract why was it given to non-Travancoreans. Therefore it is that I supported Mr. Krishna Aiyar.

Mr. E. I. Chacko: I will explain the position. We have recently started the Plywood Factory under Sir Chinubhoy Madhavalal. Unfortunately when the shares were floated for sale there was very little response from Travancoreans.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: I wish to know from the member whether Travancore capitalists offered to take up this plywood concern and work it for themselves.

President: Without interrupting the honourable member I will just make one observation. With regard to the Plywood Factory, the proposition was before the country for a very long time. Various interests had competed for the starting of the factory. There were various terms also offered subject to which alone local interests or some other concern should take up the business. Government had to judge between the terms offered by these respective firms or individuals and naturally Government have accepted those terms which were considered to be most favourable from the Government point of view. There was no case of any preference shown to outsiders as against any local offer. The terms are well-known to the honourable members of the House. They are now public property. The terms offered and accepted by the Government were considered to be the most favourable. Similarly with regard to the Rubber Factory; the condition of the Rubber Factory before and after the present management is well-known and does not require any explanation from me.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I know whether the Ceramic Factory will continue to be worked by the Government?

President: There is no intention of handing the Ceramic Factory to anybody.

Mr. E. I. Chacko: I was only trying to show that there is ample scope for starting many more factories with the resources that we have and the finances that Travancoreans have. But the response and effort in that direction are rather discouraging.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Did the Director try to stimulate interest in them?

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Mr. E. I. Chacko: Certainly he will try to do so.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I object to the insinuation that there was no response from Travancoreans when actually there was response.

President: It is a fact. I will invite the attention of the honourable members to the fact that when the prospectus of the Plywood Factory was issued it is noted that only something like 199 shares or so were taken by Travancoreans and so Government had to take over the remaining numbers.

Mr. E. I. Chacko: I was watching with great interest th debate we had on the voting of the Agricultural Demand. Everybody speaks of intensive cultivation.

President: It is now 4·30 and we are only at Demand XXI—Industries. If the members so desire I will give only 5 minutes to Mr. Chacko so that we will be able to have discussion on more demands.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: We have to remain here till 5 'O clock for the election of members to the Finance Committee and the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I ask about the Shertallai affair?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: There is a major industry about which I wish to speak. That is about the preparation of manure. For tapioca cultivation alone we require about Rs. 2 crores worth of manure. My friend the Director of Agriculture can do very little with 16 manure depots and Rs. 30,000. Therefore my suggestion in that behalf is that we should see that the nightsoil and rubbish of all the Municipalities most of which are now going to waste should be made use of.

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: May I inform the honourable member that nightsoil is now being converted into first class manure by the Municipalities of Kottayam, Nagercoil, and Alleppey and also by the Corporation at Trivandrum.

Mr. E. I. Chacko: No, Sir. It has not been done at Kottayam, Alleppey and Nagercoil, or at Vaikom, Changanacherry and Kayamkulam.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Sir, what about the Shertallai business?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: Mr. Narayana Aiyar has already assured the honourable member that every effort is being made to quicken the pace of rural reconstruction work there. As a matter of fact, as a member of the Rural Distress Relief Committee I have been asked to look after the handloom weaving industry there. This

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branch of the reconstruction activity is being successfully carried out there, so, much so. that handloom weaving has become very popular in Shertallai. Spinning has been introduced with success. We are going to increase the intensity of this drive by the co-ordinated work of the departments of Agriculture and Industry.

President: Order, Order. As there are other demands for the consideration of the House I now put the motion for the Demand for Industries to vote.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXII—CO-OPERATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 97,666 under Demand XXII—Co-operative Department.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla Sir, I have to suggest one point only with regard to this demand *i. e.*, in connection with the supervisors. These supervisors are attached to Unions. They have been working in these Unions very efficiently and effectively and especially some of them have been very prominent in this respect. Their case has been brought before the Government many a time. Men who have joined the service after them were admitted to it and are also now enjoying permanency and status in their scales of pay. Many of these supervisors are school final men and they are to go empty handed after putting their service in the Unions for more than 20 years when these Unions are dissolved. At one time it was thought that they would be drafted into the regular service. Immediately some rule was made to the effect that only graduates would be taken as Inspectors in the Department with the result that these deserving people were left alone. The Co-operative Advisory Committee suggested that they might be brought under the institution on the basis that they would get permanency of service. Even that has not received the kind consideration from Government. Therefore, I suggest that the hard case of these suffering people may be considered by the Department and the Government. With these observations I support the Demand.

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, with regard to the question of supervisors, I may inform the honourable member that Government have ordered that such of them who possess general educational qualifications and who have served as supervisors in the Unions will be provided with permanent posts when chances occur. As for the other supervisors the question was considered by the Rehabilitation Committee and their recommendation is under consideration by Government.

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Mr. A. Easwara Pillai: May I know whether the Report of the Advisory Committee was placed before the Government?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Yes. It was placed before the Government. Orders have been passed on some of the recommendations of the Committee. Honourable members may know in this connection that Government have set apart one lakh of rupees for the reconstruction of the Central Co-operative Bank.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Will this House be given an opportunity to discuss the Report of the Advisory Committee?

President: The Committee that was constituted first disposed the matter in connection with the Central Bank and subsequently a conference called by the Dewan at which certain recommendations were made to Government by the members of the conference and some of them have to be implemented.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXIII—UP-LIFT OF BACKWARD COMMUNITIES,

Mr. R. Vasudeva Poduval: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 51,257 under Demand XXIII— Up-lift of Backward Communities.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: As the time at our disposal is very short I want only to urge upon the attention of Government the necessity of providing cremation grounds for the backward communities in each pakuthy in the State.

Mr. R. Vasudeva Poduval: Sir, I may be permitted to state for the information of the honourable member, that this year more than 20 burial grounds are provided and action is being taken to provide 68 more. The provision of these burial grounds takes unduly long time because of the delay in acquiring sites. This delay is due to the fact that the land acquisition has to pass through various stages. Then there is another difficulty. It is well known that nobody is prepared to surrender sites for this purpose. Whenever a site is chosen objections are raised. The difficulty of Government in this matter is due to lack of co-operation and goodwill on the part of the people. And I may assure the honourable member that the Department will see that the number of burial grounds to be provided increases every year.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: Why not the Land Acquisition provision in the Statute be adopted in this matter also?

President: When we take up proceedings under the Land Acquisition Act all these objections crop up.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

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